



Docket No.: 21415 US (C038435/0185665)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* Application of:

Tatsuo HOSHINO *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/528,848

Filed: January 23, 2006

For: **PRODUCTION OF ZEAXANTHIN BY  
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) Examiner: Scott Long

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New York, New York  
May 14, 2007

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION INCLUDING AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 15, 2007 which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before May 15, 2007. 37 CFR § 1.8. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Amendment Dated: May 14, 2007

Reply to Office Action Dated: February 15, 2007

Please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 6 of this paper.